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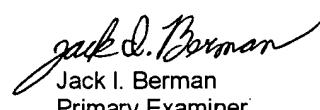
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The Appeal Brief filed on April 18, 2001 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c). See MPEP § 1206.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file IN TRIPPLICATE a complete new brief in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192 (c) within the longest of any of the following three TIME PERIODS: (1)ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer; (2) TWO MONTHS from the date of the notice of appeal; or (3) within the period for reply to the action from which this appeal was taken. EXTENTIONS OF THESE TIME PERIODS MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.

1. The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 1.192(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, pending or cancelled, or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 1.192(c)(3)).
3. At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 1.192(c)(4)).
4. The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the claimed invention, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 1.192(c)(5)).
5. The brief does not contain a concise statement of the issues presented for review (37 CFR 1.192(c)(6)).
6. A single ground of rejection has been applied to two or more claims in this application, and
 - (a) the brief omits the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet presents arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
 - (b) the brief includes the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c) (7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet does not present arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
7. The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each issue on appeal (37 CFR 1.192(c)(8)).
8. The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 1.192(c)(9)).
9. Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):

The Board of Appeals remanded this case to the Examiner, saying: "In the brief filed on April 18, 2001, appellant indicated that the rejection(s) of claims 1-14 would not be contested but the rejection(s) pertaining to claims 15-20 would be contested. However, appellant only furnished arguments as to the examiner's separate rejections of claim 15 and 20. Hence, the brief left the other rejections set forth in the final that pertained to claims 16-19 unanswered." The status of claims 1-14 and 16-19 must be clarified. Specifically, appellant must either withdraw claims 1-14 from the appeal or argue the rejection; a statement that the rejection of these claims is not contested does not make it clear what the status of these claims would be after a decision from the Board. As for claims 16-19, a statement in the arguments to the effect that appellant considers these claims to be allowable over the prior art because of their dependence from independent claim 15 (which appellant has argued is allowable) is necessary.


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